



# Howard County Council

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### Minutes (approved) Budget Work Session April 21, 2009

Chairperson Mary Kay Sigaty called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. on April 21, 2009, in the C. Vernon Gray Room, 8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia, MD.

Members Present: Calvin Ball, Greg Fox, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa, Courtney Watson

The Council discussed proposed capital budget projects with department representatives, as follows. Ray Wacks, Budget Director, participated in the discussion of all projects.

#### **Fire – Chief Goddard**

F5062 Glenwood Firestation. Moved up, new design and cheaper.

F5964 Firestation One Relocation. Will meet with Elkridge Board of Directors. May relocate, waiting on consensus. Moved out and more expensive. Volunteer station has different needs.

F5965 New Firestation 3. Completed.

F5967 Ellicott City /Columbia Firestation. Moved out. Relocation to MD175/Rte 1.

F5972 Rural Fire Protection Program. Three cisterns installed and operational. Others underway but may run behind. Will complete 18 with this budget. Reduced by \$450,000. Will consider reclaimed water from Savage plant rather than private fills.

F5973 Temporary Firestation/Logistics Facility. Dual purpose: temporary location for equipment and will become local logistics facility when Firestation at MD 175/Rte 1 is ready.

Relocation from Gateway/Dorsey dependent on opening Firestation at MD 175/Rte. 1

F5975 Route One Firestation. Money transferred from other firestations. Hope to include State and/or private land.

#### **Recreations and Parks – Gary Arthur**

N3102 Blandair. Design at 80%. \$10.3 million is for section of Phase 1 south of MD 175: 3 artificial turf, multi-purpose fields, parking lots, rest rooms, picnic area, path, and road in from Oakland Mills to Old Montgomery. Section is closest to Oakland Mills High School. Phases shown on web site.

N3105 Meadowbrook Park. Acquisition almost finished.

N3108 Park Systemic Improvements. Limited to Centennial Park boat rental and fishing pier and to Huntington playground.

N3109 Parks Resurfacing Program. Grant funding.

N3932 Western Regional Park. Delayed from last year by design issues. One year behind. Phase IV in design (five pavilions, 5.2 mile path, baseball field, 2 restrooms, and additional playground). Phase III in construction (maintenance building).

N3947 Neighborhood Playground Program. Unfunded.

N3957 Troy Park and Historic Restoration. Waiting on Howard County Tennis Patrons (sole bidder) to secure funding. Patrons will do design. Contingent, independent plan for design for road, parking, 2 fields, playground. Working with Greater Elkridge Community Association. Increase from \$16 million in 2009 to \$38 million in 2013 reflects addition of community center. Four phases, including Tennis.

F3960 Robinson Property nature Center. Design at 95%; would need to redline for changes of access. South entrance unchanged. Traffic Study: mean average speed 50mph versus intersection design 55mph. Volume level "A" service. Council will follow up with Department of Public Works.

N3963 Spinal Pathway Rehab and Expansion. Deferred.

N3970 Recreations and Parks Headquarters Expansion. Hope to fund next year. Centralization.

### **Planning and Zoning –Marsh McLaughlin**

CO285 US 1 Corridor Revitalization. Working with State Highway Administration. Targeted for developer projects.

CO286 Bus Stop Improvements. Stimulus funds may change budget. Also funded through New Freedom grant for Americans with Disabilities Act compliance. No significant County money.

CO287 Community Renewal Enhancements. Oakland Mills outdoor event space. In final design and headed to construction.

CO289 Transit Operation Repair Facility. Two candidate sites. Complicated by Federal earmark. Hope to acquire. One site needs renovation.

CO298 US 40 Corridor Enhancements. Consultant selected for streetscape, master plan and privatization manual. Will need to amend to reflect agreed funding of \$100,000 for manual and \$50,000 - \$150,000 for landscape plan

CO320 Bus/Vehicle Acquisition for 2009. Prior appropriation. Will be amended. No new County money.

CO321 Bus/Vehicle Acquisition FY2010. Stimulus funding.

G0163 Agricultural Land Preservation Program. No new money.

### **Technology – Ira Levy**

CO214 Category Contingency Funding. Regional plan for fiber project dovetails with stimulus broad band grants. Potential for amendment via TAO up to \$130 million.

CO312 Enterprise Resource Planning System. Increased for HR module.

### **Public Works – Jim Irvin**

#### **Bridges**

B3835 Henryton road Bridge. Cost reduction; grant funded.

B3850 Bridge inspection Program. Current with sufficient funding.

B3853 Emergency Bridge Reconstruction. Contingency account for emergencies.

#### **General County**

CO282 Government Service Campus. Howard Building: demolition complete; beginning renovations. Permit issues resolved. 911 and EOC will be relocated; may receive stimulus funding. Project includes Carroll/Ligon, Dorsey and Gateway. Need to revisit loss of Meridian space. Dorsey available early spring but some personnel to be returned to Carol/Ligon. Need to consider phasing of return to Dorsey. Banneker Room available for Council at that time. Renovated for TV production. Project sufficiently funded. Other funds represent sales of other properties. Meridian funds diverted to VOIP, AscendOne rent, 911 equipment.

CO290 Courthouse Renovations. FY2010: expansion design; security and fire alarm. FY 2011: expansion construction. FY2011: elevator. Ten-year plan is to remain in the building.

CO294 Permit Processing System. Text amendment to keep the project open.

CO303 Central Fleet Maintenance and Facilities. Lease with option to purchase. Under construction.

CO304 North Laurel Park Community Center. Bids opened.

CO309 Land Acquisition Contingency Reserve. Available for Board of Education with authorizations.

CO313 Environmental Compliance. Building audits added.

CO316 Ellicott City Visitors Center Restoration & Renovation. Amend for state grant (\$150,000). Funding insufficient.

CO317 Systemic Facility Improvements. For major facilities.

CO319 Tax Increment Financing Projects. Placeholder that would require legislation and bond authorization. No projects have been identified.

### **Storm Drainage**

D1131 Worthington Drainage Improvements. FY2010 funding (\$210,000) is for design.

### **Road Resurfacing**

Individual projects were not discussed. However, stimulus money is only available for high volume collector roads.

### **Road Construction**

J4148 Dorsey Run Road Extension. Slightly behind schedule.

J4167 Snoden River/Broken Land Intersect. Study phase.

J4170 Rogers' Avenue Improvements. Status is design and land acquisition.

J4171 State/County RD Intersection Segments. Need is \$2.0 million. Therefore, \$5.5 million deferred.

J4190 Ten Oaks at MD 108 Improvements. BGE to relocate poles for added lane. Community meeting. Target construction for year's end.

J4204 US 29 Improvements. Deferred as sound barriers are too costly.

J4211 Roadway Capacity Improvements. Dobbins Road at Dobbin Center Way stripping within 2-3 weeks.

J4223 Burntwoods Road Improvements. Public meeting next week re: lowering crest. Finalize corridor study early winter. Other interim safety measures pending.

### **Roads and Sidewalks**

Individual projects were not discussed.

### **Sewer**

S6175 Little Patuxent Parallel Sewer. \$12 million increase reflects costs of blasting, contingent pump-around, bypass of one property, rock excavation and mitigation. Four phases to allow local competition; completion late 2012.

S6237 Patapsco Convey/Treat Facilities. \$22 million increase reflects County's share of costs to upgrade under Baltimore City consent decrees. Additional information will be provided.

S6239 Trotter Road Water & Sewer Extension. Increase reflects unanticipated paving.

S6245 Nitrogen loading Reduction. Contract puts construction manager at risk for overruns.

Ground breaking within 30 days. Bay restoration funding presently at \$20 million with an additional \$15 million requested from Maryland Department of the Environment.

Cost increase of \$25 million reflects refined design, costs associated with keeping existing plant on line, and additional work related to aging facility.

S6249 Defaulted Developer Agreements. [This project engendered a discussion of whether there should be revisions to the regulations requiring bonding for private roads.]

S6250 Patapsco Service Area Assessment. \$300,000 increase reflects cost of infiltration study required by Maryland Department of the Environment. Request made for explanation of multiple year project duration.

S6261 Public Safety Training Center Sewer Extension. \$100,000 increase reflects current estimate.

S6262 MD 108 Water and Sewer Extension. Location discussed.

S6268 Sewer Rehabilitation Program. Increase reflects added sewers.

S6269 Ashleigh Knolls Shared Sewage Disposal Facility. May be eligible for flush tax funds.

**Water**

W8220 Shared Water Facility Improvements. County's share of Fullerton Filtration Plant. Timing under review.

W8280 Fulton Elevated Tank and Pumping Station. Minimal spending; waiting on utilities. Drawings signed, tank located 175 feet from road, project will be underway in one month.

**Intersections**

T7091 Traffic Corridor Street Lighting. Oakland Mills Road locations.

T7094 Street Lighting Program. Future plans for the project unknown.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.